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Tēnā koe R E Nuttall

I refer to your email of 17 June 2021 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*... I understand that the NZ High Commissioner in Singapore and his staff made a visit to Portuguese Timor in 1975, probably between January and August 1975. I am seeking a copy of this report.*

Most files relating to Portuguese (East) Timor dating from 1975 have been made openly accessible at Archives New Zealand and we believe the requested report is likely to be in this set of files. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information you have requested is publicly available. If you would like to seek further information following the review of this material, please contact us again.

For your reference, please find attached a list of the open files at Archives NZ relating to Portuguese (East) Timor and the Singapore post from 1975. These files can be accessed through the Archives NZ Wellington reading room, or by contacting them directly. You can find more information about searching Archives New Zealand online at: <https://archives.govt.nz/search-the-archive>.

In relation to the subject line of your request 'Official Information request - text of report of visit to Portuguese Timor by NZHC Singapore (Ray Jermyn) in 1975', our records show that Ray Jermyn was Ambassador in Jakarta during 1975. The New Zealand High Commissioner in Singapore in mid-1975 was Roger Peren.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website. If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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